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# PRAYER

FOR

## Charity, Peace and Unity,

To be uſed in LENT.

BIBL. CANT. ACAD.

*For* (as St. *Chryſoſtom* ſays) *to what purpoſe is it to eat no Meat, if we bite and devour one another?*

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, in whom thou haſt revealed thy ſelf unto us, to be *Love*; and haſt by the Example of thy infinite love towards Mankind, commanded all Chriſt's Diſciples to *love one another*, to be of *one mind*, and to *live in peace*: We ſorrowfully bewail our lamentable Violations of theſe

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holy Precepts, by our unchriſtian Animoſities and Hatreds, our Diſcord and Diſſention; which have broken out into open Strife and Contention among us.

Which we confeſs are the more ſhameful, becauſe thou haſt not only ſhewn us our error and wickedneſs herein; but mercifully delivered us from thoſe dangers into which we had thrown our ſelves by our Diviſions: and graciouſly diſpoſed us, both by thoſe dangers, and the wonderful deliverance thou haſt wrought for us, to repent of our folly, and to ſtudy hereafter to keep *the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Pardon we beſeech Thee, moſt gracious God, the hainous guilt that we have drawn upon our ſelves, by relapſing ſo ſoon from thoſe holy diſpoſitions which thou hadſt wrought in us, and returning to our old enmities and quarrels. Lord, lay not

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his Sin to our charge; ſo, as to deny
s the Grace of thy holy Spirit to
ter our Hearts, and to renew a
ght Spirit within us.

Convince every one of us
horoughly, of our ſin and of our
anger; that we may not run head-
ong into deſtruction. Give us a
ght underſtanding of our ſelves
nd of our Religion; and affect
ur hearts with that incomprehen-
ible love, which thou haſt ſhewn
nto us, all in our Bleſſed Lord
nd Saviour Chriſt Jeſus. That we
may be *Followers of thee our God, as*
*dear Children; and walk in love, as*
*Chriſt hath loved us, and given him-*
*ſelf an Offering and a Sacrifice for us.*

Allay all our intemperate heats;
ſubdue our violent paſſions; free us
from all prejudice and evil ſurmi-
ſings; purge out of our hearts all
bad affections; eſpecially *all bitter-*

*neſs, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil ſpeaking, with all malice; that we may be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as Thou for Chriſt's ſake haſt forgiven us.*

And more eſpecially endue all thoſe who are the Guides of others, with this heavenly Spirit; that there may be no diviſions among them, but they may be *perfectly joyn'd together in the ſame mind, and the ſame judgment*; and thereby lead their People in the way of Love, as well as Truth. Give them Grace, O Lord, to remember and conſider, that *the Servants of the Lord ought not to ſtrive, but to be gentle unto all men* (much more one towards another) *apt to teach, patient, in meekneſs inſtructing thoſe who oppoſe themſelves*: That they may become Examples unto their Flocks of theſe moſt excellent Vertues; and teach them,

them, not only by their Doctrine, but by their Practice alſo, *to love without diſſimulation; to be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love, in honour preferring one another.*

And inſpire the hearts of thoſe who have any Authority over others, with ſuch love unto thee, and to theſe Churches and Kingdoms, that they may employ their moſt zealous endeavours in this bleſſed work, of being *Peace-makers*; by healing our unhappy Breaches, and reconciling all oppoſite Parties; that they may not any longer *bite and devour one another*, but joyn together for their mutual ſafety and preſervation.

O that the words of the Lord Jeſus and of his Apoſtles, may be deeply engraven on all our minds and hearts, and never depart out of our thoughts: *Bleſſed are the Peace-makers:*

*makers: for they ſhall be called the Children of God. The fruit of righteouſneſs is ſown in peace, of them that make peace.* That ſo every Soul of us, in our ſeveral Places, may be ſtirred up, earneſtly to *purſue after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edifie another.*

*Now the God of Patience and Conſolation, grant us to be like-minded one towards another, according to Chriſt Jeſus; having the ſame love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through ſtrife, or vain-glory, but in lowlineſs of mind, eſteeming each other better than our ſelves; that we may with one mind, and with one mouth, glorifie Thee our God, the Father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt.*

All which we humbly beg in his Name, and for his Sake, who is our only Mediator and Advocate, *Amen.*

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The COLLECT for the *Sunday* called *Quinquageſima*, or the next *Sunday* before *Lent*.

O Lord, who haſt taught us, that all our doings without Charity are nothing worth; ſend thy holy Ghoſt, and pour into our hearts that moſt excellent Gift of Charity, the very Bond of Peace, and of all Vertues; without which whoſoever liveth, is counted dead before thee. Grant this, for thine only Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, Amen.

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